

## CASTELLO DECRIES PROTEST AGAINST NAMING OF JORDAN

District Committeeman Declares "Democratic Clubs" Are Dogs in Manger.

John F. Castello, District national committeeman, today attacked the Democratic clubs which have planned a mass meeting for Tuesday night to protest against the selection of Eldridge E. Jordan as chairman of the inaugural committee, in case Chairman William F. McCombs is still considering Jordan for the place.

"These are not Democratic clubs," said Mr. Castello. "They never represented anybody or anything. During the campaign they pursued the dog-in-the-manger plan. Furthermore, as far as I can see now, there is no reason why my recommendation in favor of Mr. Jordan should not be followed."

The organization planning the mass meeting will try to get a reply from Mr. McCombs as to whether he is still considering Jordan's appointment. If he is, the fireworks will be opened up, and practically all the Democratic clubs except the Wilson and Marshall Democratic Association and the Southeast Democratic Club, will add their voices to the already long list of protests filed with Mr. McCombs.

**McCombs Takes Rest.**  
Chairman McCombs has been taking a rest "in the country" for a few days, but it is thought that when he gets back to New York for business in the morning he may at last face the appointment matter squarely and pick a leader.

A proposition to have the editors of the Washington newspapers name the inaugural chairman has been submitted by Robert E. Mattingly, chairman of the Democratic central committee, who believes that their selection would be for the best interest of the District.

## WASHINGTON POLICE WILL ESCORT WILSON

Major Sylvester to Head Detail When President-Elect Goes to Staunton.

President-elect Woodrow Wilson will have an escort of Washington police, headed by Major and Superintendent Richard Sylvester when he goes to Staunton, Va., December 28, to celebrate his natal day at his birthplace. Staunton has raised a \$10,000 fund with which to properly celebrate the occasion, \$2,000 having been appropriated by the city council.

## LIMITS WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN

Congressman Peters Introduces Measure Providing an Eight-Hour Day.

Congressman Peters has introduced in the House a bill to limit the working hours of women in the District. The measure is similar to the La Follette bill recently introduced in the Senate, and is patterned after a number of State laws regulating the working hours of women.

The bill provides, in brief, that women employed in mills, factories, laundries, stores, restaurants, and similar institutions in the District, shall not work more than eight hours during any one day, nor more than forty-eight hours a week.

## Push Lever Bill.

Senator Hoke Smith has made a favorable report from the Senate Committee on Agriculture on the Lever bill appropriating \$10,000 to agricultural colleges for agricultural extension work. The bill has already passed the House, and Senator Smith will endeavor to get early consideration of it in the Senate.

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Mr. Prouty intends to introduce a bill, the details of which are now being worked out, providing radical changes in the administration of the government of the District of Columbia. Under the provisions of this bill, if it should become a law, the city will elect four Commissioners and a mayor and will also have the power of initiating legislation and of recalling officials by petition of voters.

## BOY CORN GROWERS WILL VISIT CAPITAL

Three Hundred Ohio Lads, Winners in Contest, to Call on Taft and Clark.

Three hundred youthful corn growers from Ohio will reach here Tuesday night, on a trip arranged as part of a prize in corn growing competition in the Buckeye State. A. P. Sandee, of the State department of agriculture, has arranged to have scientific agriculture lectures on the Corn Boys' special east-bound, and between the tours of inspection for three days in the Capitol.

The Ohioans, arriving in Washington have planned that the youngsters shall see all the sights here. The lads will visit Speaker Clark, and at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon President Taft will give them a reception at the White House and pose with them for a picture.

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## REDUCED PHONE RATES ARE ASKED

Bill Fattered by Congressman Cary Provides for Several Decreases.

A reduction of the telephone rates in the District of Columbia is asked in a bill introduced in the House yesterday afternoon by Congressman Cary, of Wisconsin.

The Cary bill provides that the annual rental on a telephone in a private residence on an individual metallic circuit shall not exceed \$3, with rates of \$20 and \$21 per year for the use of a phone on the same premises where three or more, or two or more phones, respectively, are on the same metallic circuit.

## Norwegians to Give Dinner to Amundsen

The Norwegian Society of Washington will tender to Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, a complimentary dinner January 1, the night after his reception by the National Geographic Society. President Taft will be invited to attend. Plans for the dinner were discussed last night at an informal meeting at the Raleigh Hotel.

## DESCENDANTS OF MAYFLOWER GATHER

Old Compact of Colonists Re-read at Banquet in New Willard.

Descendants of John Bradford, John and Priscilla Alden, and other Mayflower passengers dining together at the New Willard, re-read the compact which their forefathers signed in the cabin of the ship which brought them to America and freedom 200 years ago. The accent of the evening was not laid, however, on the virtues of their ancestors, but on the duties of the descendants of these men and women.

Congressman Paul Howland made a plea for stability in men and women of today in respect to their political problems, such as was shown by Bradford and Brewster. Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau, asked the support of Mayflower descendants for the work of her department.

Thomas Shell Hopkins, governor general of the National Society of Mayflower Descendants, urged the organization to combat socialism and anarchy, instilling alleged conditions at Lawrence, Mass. Senator Fletcher reviewed the history of the thirteen colonies in his address. The Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Gen. Leonard Wood were other speakers.

## BUSINESS MEN ENJOY BEEFSTEAK

Amateur Chefs Have Charge of Feast Spread at Commercial Club.

With Fred R. Lincoln in command of the "artillery," business men of the city turned themselves into chefs and butchers at the Commercial Club last night, and enjoyed a beefsteak dinner such as rarely have been served in the city.

On the staff of the chief were Milton E. Allen, George Schutt, and E. W. Graham, who wore white caps and white aprons, and otherwise bore every indication of being the real thing in the way of chefs.

There was music supplied by Matt Horne, and singing by O'Connor and Clabaugh.

**1,206 at Leavenworth.**  
With the arrival of twenty-six prisoners from this city at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., a new record has been established. The Federal prison there now contains 1,206 prisoners, which is the largest number that has ever been confined there.

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